State Transport.

9 ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to extend the State Motor Transport on the Trivandrum-Kottayam line and on the Quilon-Alleppey line ?

Mr. K. Sankaran (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod* cum *Neyyattinkara*) : May I know, Sir, whether any fresh appointments of drivers and conductors were made by the department ?

Mr. K. Sankaran : New appointments will be made.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know whether there is a waiting list of conductors and drivers at present ?

Mr. K. Sankaran : I claim notice.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know, Sir, whether special consideration will be given to those on the waiting list if there is a waiting list ?

Mr. K. Sankaran : No such undertaking can be given as the power to appoint vests solely in the Superintendent of the Transport Department.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : May I know whether an assurance was given to the drivers and conductors in the Quilon, Alleppey and Kottayam line that special consideration will be given to them overlooking the claims of those in the waiting list ?

Mr. K. Sankaran : No such undertaking has been given.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla (*Mavelikara and Tiruvella* cum *Pathanamthitta*) : May I know whether any rules are being observed for the selection of drivers and conductors ?

Mr. K. Sankaran : No special rules have been laid down.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : Is it not necessary that there should be rules for the purpose ?

Mr. K. Sankaran : The Superintendent is expected to bear in mind the necessary qualifications in the matter of selecting the persons.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla : Has he any directions from Government ?

Mr. K. Sankaran : No particular directions have been issued, but there is a general understanding that only properly qualified candidates will be selected.

Difficulties in treasury remittances.

10. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether difficulties are being experienced by the officers whose offices are at places where there are no treasuries, in the matter of remittances ;

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[Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar.]

(*b*) what action has been taken by them to avoid such difficulties ; and

(*c*) have the Government considered the desirability of empowering Anchal Masters to receive such remittances ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) these do not arise.

Constituting Kuttanad as a separate taluk.

11. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the people of Kuttanad that Kuttanad should be made a separate taluk; and

(*b*) whether any action has been taken by Government upon such representations ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) They were recorded as they did not convey a practicable proposition.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : May I know, Sir, whether Government are aware that the Kuttanad area comes under various taluks ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao . Yes.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know, Sir, whether Government are aware that the physical features also of this area are different from the rest of the portions of the taluk?

Mr. M Ramachandra Rao: yes.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar : May I know, Sir, whether practical difficulties are being experienced by the Kuttanad people in not having a separate taluk ?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao : When this matter was brought up once before, it was explained that the question of having a separate taluk for Kuttanad could not be taken into consideration till the next revenue settlement.

Use of milled rice.

12. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether milled rice is being used in Oottupuras and Government managed temples and jails; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative the total quantity of milled rice used in all the temples under Government management as well as in the Oottupuras and jails under Government in 1113 and 1114 specifying the total amount used in Oottupuras, jails and temples ?

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